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Military to Conduct Training at Warning Area 517, Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam (Jan. 15, 2015) – The military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 Jan. 18-22 from midnight to 11:55 p.m.

The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Jan. 19 from 4-10:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20 from 3-9:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21 from 4-10:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 from 3-9:30 p.m.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10"N/144° 30"E, 13° 10"N/144° 42"E, 12° 50"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/143° 00"E, 11° 45"N/143° 00"E, 12° 50"N/144° 30"E.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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